

What is claimed:

1. A method of reducing an HIV infected subject's HIV-1 viral load which comprises administering to the subject an effective viral load reducing amount of an antibody which (a) binds to a CCR5 chemokine receptor and (b) inhibits fusion of HIV-1 to a CD4+CCR5+ cell, so as to thereby reduce the subject's HIV-1 viral load to 50% or less of the subject's HIV-1 viral load prior to administering the antibody to the subject.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the antibody is selected from the group consisting of PA8 (ATCC Accession No. HB-12605), PA9 (ATCC Accession No. HB-12606), PA10 (ATCC Accession No. HB-12607), PA11 (ATCC Accession No. HB-12608), PA12 (ATCC Accession No. HB-12609), and PA14 (ATCC Accession No. HB-12610).

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the antibody is PA14 (ATCC Accession No. HB-12610).

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject's HIV-1 viral load is reduced to 33% or less of the subject's HIV-1 viral load prior to administering the antibody to the subject.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject's HIV-1 viral load is reduced to 10% or less of the subject's HIV-1 viral load prior to administering the antibody to the subject.

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7. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the reduction of the subject's HIV-1 viral load is sustained for a period of time.
8. The method of ~~claim 7~~, wherein the period of time is at least one day.
9. The method of ~~claim 7~~, wherein the period of time is at least three days.
10. The method of ~~claim 7~~, wherein the period of time is at least seven days.
11. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the effective amount of the antibody is ~~between~~ about 1mg and about 50mg per kg body weight of the subject.
12. The method of ~~claim 11~~, wherein the effective amount of the antibody is ~~between~~ about 2mg and about 40mg per kg body weight of the subject.
13. The method of ~~claim 12~~, wherein the effective amount of the antibody is ~~between~~ about 3mg and about 30mg per kg body weight of the subject.
14. The method of ~~claim 13~~, wherein the effective amount of the antibody is ~~between~~ about 4mg and about 20mg per kg body weight of the subject.
15. The method of ~~claim 14~~, wherein the effective amount of the antibody is ~~between~~ about 5mg and about 10mg per kg body weight of the subject.
16. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the antibody is

administered at least once per day.

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17. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the antibody is administered daily.
18. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the antibody is administered every other day.
- 10 19. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the antibody is administered every 6 to 8 days.
20. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the antibody is administered weekly.
- 15 21. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the antibody is administered intravenously, subcutaneously, intramuscularly, intraperitoneally, orally or topically.
- 20 22. The method of ~~claim 1~~, wherein the subject is a human being and the antibody is a humanized antibody.

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